



**NOTICE OF *EX PARTE*  
PRESENTATION**

July 11, 2003

Ms. Marlene Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Room TW B204  
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC  
Docket 96-45, Joint Board Recommended Decision on Supported Services**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Please be advised that on July 8, 2003, Kathleen O'Reilly, counsel for the National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates ("NASUCA"<sup>1</sup>), met with Jessica Rosenworcel, staff to Commissioner Copps. The purpose of the meeting was to clarify that *ex parte* claims by wireless carriers notwithstanding, there are extremely important consumer benefits to be gained by adding equal access to long distance carriers to the list of supported services established pursuant to 47 U.S.C. 254(c)(1); if equal access is added to the list, then all eligible telecommunications carriers ("ETCs") must offer equal access. See 47 U.S.C. 214(e)(1)(A).

The discussion at the meetings was consistent with the comments filed on April 14, 2003 by NASUCA on the Joint Board Recommended Decision on supported services, and followed the points on the attached handouts.

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<sup>1</sup> NASUCA is an association of 41 consumer advocates in 40 states and the District of Columbia. NASUCA's members are designated by the laws of their respective states to represent the interests of utility consumers before state and federal regulators and in the courts. See, e.g., Ohio Rev. Code Chapter 4911.

Sincerely,

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Committee

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